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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7612**
Sverre Johannesen OVERÅ et al. : **Docket No. 2000-1408A**
Serial No. 09/673,467 : **Group Art Unit 1764**
Filed May 2, 2001 : **Examiner Virginia Manoharan**

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 26, 2002, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original specification with the enclosed substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

5. A processing plant for handling combustible fluids, comprising:
- a processing section operable to process combustible fluids;
 - a gas valve connected with said processing section operable to relieve gas pressure from said processing section by conducting surplus or residual gas from said processing section;
 - a collection line connected with said gas valve, said gas valve being operable to conduct the gas from said processing section to said collection line;